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LB 1028, 1070, 1070A

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Witek, will you yield?

SENATOR WITEK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Witek, have you and I discussed LB 1070 prior to today? Have we discussed it on various occasions in terms of what it does, the amounts of money involved, and where the money is being put?

SENATOR WITEK: I can't honestly answer that because I've talked to so many different people about it, I don't...I think I have talked to you but I'm not entirely certain.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: To try to refresh your memory, indicating that it ought to be going into the General Fund rather than into these other funds, handled in the way they would be under LB 1070.

SENATOR WITEK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. But if we had talked about it, it would have been before today, correct?

SENATOR WITEK: Correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And I did talk to Senator Witek about it. She approached me first in fact because I supported 1070 and 1070A and she wanted to make her views known to me and was asking why I would support it and I explained why. So this is not something that I'm just hatching out of my head today. And I'm aware that there are people who don't like LB 1070 and have not liked it from the beginning and have challenged it from the beginning. I'm tying them together and I want the Governor's people to know it. And somebody on this floor who talks to the Governor should go ask him how he feels about this. If he thinks that maybe it would be a good idea to reduce the sales tax by 2 percent, and if it wouldn't be an equally good idea to not go after that childcare provision that is in this bill? LB 1070 is my hostage. And if you are going to alienate me, don't alienate me when I have that which is dear to your heart in my custody or accessible to me. I'd like to ask Senator Wesely a question. Senator Wesely, how much...